

LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

STAFF REPORT

To: Lewis County Planning Commission

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Date: March 2, 2011

Subject: Lewis County Code Amendment

ISSUE:

Amend the Lewis County Development Code Chapter 17.200 “Maps” to reduce the number of maps and to clarify the intent and purpose of the Chapter.

BACKGROUND:

Lewis County currently maintains 111 zoning maps, including the required “official zoning map” and the required urban growth area maps, representing each city’s UGA and the industrial areas. Although this practice may have served a purpose at one time, the accumulation of maps has reached a level that maintaining them has become unfeasible.

DISCUSSION:

After staff discussion and discussions with GIS, staff is recommending a reduction in the current number of maps. There are approximately 111 maps contained in the current zoning ordinance. These 111 maps could be reduced to 1 “official” zoning map.

The reduction of maps would eliminate the need to change some or all maps required by changes to the official zoning map, reduce the number of paper copies having to be produced and kept in the office, and reduce the redundancy of managing 111 maps. The general public would still have the ability to isolate certain sections of the official zoning map for review, if necessary, by accessing the zoning map on-line or utilizing the zoning map on disk and re-sizing. A copy of the zoning map on disk is kept at the auditor’s office, and at the Community Development Department.

It is also recommended by staff that the current Chapter 17.200 “Maps” be amended to clarify the intent and purpose of the Chapter.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff proposes to recommend approval to amend the Lewis County zoning code, section 17.200 “Maps”. The Planning Commission shall either recommend to the Board of County Commissioners:

- Approval
- Approval with conditions
- Disapproval